

What's Causing The Icicles?



- Warm air escaping through your attic to the roof edges are the primary cause of icicle formation. Observe different Amhurst homes and you will see some homes with icicles and some void of them. Also note those garages that have ‘walk-throughs’ to the home (more icicles) and those garage buildings that are stand alone; not connected to the homes (no icicles).
- Insulation levels, as well as how well the attic bypasses (the holes and areas in your ceiling/walls that allow heat to escape into the attic, are a major factor. Do you have insulation on top of your attic door? Good idea!
- Homes with washer/dryers in the front, 2nd floor rooms will have a major problem with icicles. There is so much heat radiating out from the dryer right at the edge of the roof structure!
- The recent snowfalls have left snow on the roofs to melt and form the icicles. Winter weather conditions and sun exposure are the building blocks of the icicles. Add heat from the home and there you be!
- One level homes tend to produce more icicles than the two levels.
- Homes with higher interior temperatures and humidity will have more icicles.
- **WHAT CAN YOU DO?** Seal up attic bypasses, check level of insulation, keep interior temperature and humidity in check! **If you do have icicles above your door...don't slam your door when you are outside below the icicles! Be careful, very, very careful!**

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